(b) the total number of land holdings held by these three categories respec-tively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) According to provisional estimates of Agricultural Census, 1985-86, the total number of operational holdings held by the marginal (below 1.0 ha.), small (1;0 ha— 2.0 ha.) and large (10;0 ha and above) farmers in the country were 56.75 million, 17.88 million and 1.93 million respectively.

Provident fund dues against firms in Corporate Sector

610. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the arrears of Employees' Provident Fund dues against firms in the cor-porate sector as on the 31st March, 1988, 1989 and 1990; and

(b) the steps taken so far and proposed to be taken to ensure regular clearance of dues, by the employers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PAS-WAN) : (a) Separate records of arrears of proveident fund dues in respect of firms in the corporate sector are not maintained. However, the available information regarding the arrears of the EPF dues is as given below:—

Year	Amount in arrea rs	
	Exempted estt.	Un-exempted est:.
	(Rupees in crores)	
31-3-88	111.43	78.74
31-3-89	129.56	88.27
31-12-89	122.52	93.15 (Approx.)

(b) The E.P.F. authorities have been generally taking the following actions against the defaulting employers for realisation of the outstanding dues: —

(i) Issuing of revenue recovery cer-tificates under section 8 of the E.F.F. Act;

(ii) Filling of prosecution cases under section 14 of the E.P.F. Act;

(iii) Filling of complaints under Section 406/409 IPC in cases of non-payment of contribution deducted from the wages of the employees;

(iv) Levying of damages under section 14B of the E.P.F. Act.

Guidelines for Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

611. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY; Wiil the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) what are the crops included under this scheme; and

(c) the amount given to the farmers in Andhra Pradesh during the last two yeairs and the amount collected from farmers under this scheme during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) The salient features of the Comprehensive Crop In-suprance Scheme (COS) are that it is an area based and credit linked scheme which is voluntary in nature. All farmers gnawing wheat, paddy, millets, oil-seeds and pulses by availing agricultural loans from the cooperative credit institutions, regional rural banks and commercial banks are eligible for crop coverage under the COS. The sum insured is equal to the crop loan disbursed and subject to- a maximum of Rs. 10,000|-per farmer. The premium payable fe 2 per cent (wheat, paddy and millets) and I per cent (oilseeds and pulses) of the sum insured. 50 per cent of the premium payable by small and marginal farmers is subsidized equally between Central and State Governments. Idemni-ty claims are shared between the Central and State Governments in the ration of 2:1. If the actual average yield in any area notified under this scheme falls short of guaranteed yield fixed for that area then the farmers who have availed agricultural loans for insured crops are entitled to a indemnity under the scheme to the extent of shortfall in the yield *vis-a-vis the* guaranteed yield.

(c) The indemnity daims payable to the farmers and the amount collected as premium from them during the last two years is as follows:—

Rs. in Lakhs

Pending for Payment by the Genaral Insurance Corporation of India due to non-receip

Sl. No.	Year	Amount of indemnity claims payable/ paid in Andhra Pradesh	Amount of premium collected by the GIC in Andhra Pradesh
1.	1988-89	225.62	195.58
2.	1989-90	1791.19*	380.45

of one-third share of the State Government.

Enquiry into the irregularities in purchase of gunny bags

612. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA; Will ths Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Secretary of NCCF Employees Union was involved in the irregularities in purchase of Gunny Bags at Morena; and

(b) whether any enquiry was held into the scandal and if so, what are the find-ings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to[1] part (a) above.

Non fulfilment of export obligation by NCCF

613. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF had to pay a penalty of Rs. 2.00 lakhs to CCI&E, for non-fulfilment of his com mitment of export obligation in wheat-bran case on behalf of its Associate M|s. Regent International, World Trade Cen tre, Bombay;

(b) whether the corresponding Bank iguarantee of Rs. 2.00 lakhs furnished M|s. Regent International, Bombay, was not enforced and encashed by NCCF officials in its validity period for non performance of its Contract with NCCF;